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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: May 11, 2006

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Thursday, May 11, 2006. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of the fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the May agenda on the FPPC website at http://www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions ordered by the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Conflicts of Interest

In the Matter of Agnes Sietsema, FPPC No. 04/006. Staff: Commission Counsel Leon Schorr and Investigator III Sandra Buckner. As a Board member for the Winston City School Board, Respondent Agnes Sietsema violated the Political Reform Act by making two governmental decisions in which she had a financial interest on September 8, 2003 and November 24, 2003, in violation of Government Code section 87100 (2 counts). \$7,000 fine.

Campaign Reporting Violations

In the Matter of Bruce Peotter and Friends of Bruce Peotter, FPPC No. 02/247.

Staff: Senior Commission Counsel Melodee A. Mathay and Investigator III Sandra Buckner. Respondent Bruce Peotter, was an unsuccessful candidate for Orange County Clerk-Recorder in the March 5, 2002 primary election. Respondent Friends of Bruce Peotter was the controlled committee of Respondent Peotter. Prior to the primary election, Respondents paid for and sent a mass mailing that did not contain proper sender identification, in violation of Government Code section 84305, subdivision (c) (1 count). \$1,500 fine.

In the Matter of Diana R. Hall and Committee to Re-Elect Judge Diana R. Hall, FPPC No. 04/220. Staff: Commission Counsel Amanda Saxton. Respondent Diana R. Hall was a successful candidate for Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge in the March 5, 2002 primary election. Respondent Committee to Re-Elect Judge Diana R. Hall was the controlled committee of Respondent Hall. Respondents failed to inform a contributor of \$5,000 or more that the contributor may be required to file campaign reports in violation of section 84105 of the Government Code (1 count); and failed to report information regarding a contribution in violation of section 84211, subdivision (f) of the Government Code (2 counts). Respondent Hall commingled a political contribution with her personal funds in violation of section 84307 of the Government Code (1 count); and failed to deposit a contribution in the campaign committee bank account in violation of section 85201, subdivision (c) of the Government Code (1 count). \$15,000 fine.

Statements of Economic Interests Violations - SEI Streamlined Program

In the Matter of Thomas Clark, FPPC No. 05-686. Staff: Political Reform Consultant Wayne Imberi. Thomas Clark, a member of the Sausalito-Marin City School District Board, failed to timely file a 2004 annual statement of economic interests in violation of Government Code section 87300 (1 count). \$100 fine.

Major Donor – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Major Donor Campaign Statements. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following entities have entered into stipulations for failing to file major donor campaign statements that were due during calendar years 2002, 2004 and 2005, in violation of Government Code Section 84200:

• In the Matter of Po Long Lew/Po Long Lew, D.O., A Medical Professional Corp., FPPC No. 05-0843. Po Long Lew/Po Long Lew, D.O., A Medical Professional Corp of Rosemead failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$11,250 in 2002 (1 count). \$400 fine.

- In the Matter of Vincent M. Fortanasce MD, FPPC No. 06-0012. Vincent M. Fortanasce MD of Arcadia failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$13,250 in 2004 (1 count). \$400 fine.
- In the Matter of On Broadway Event Center, FPPC No. 06-0065. On Broadway Event Center of San Diego failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$22,931.26 in 2004 (1 count). \$400 fine.
- In the Matter of S.K.Y. Companies and Affiliates, FPPC No. 06-0127. S.K.Y. Companies and Affiliates of Los Angeles failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$26,647.87 in 2004 (2 counts). \$800 fine.
- In the Matter of Apple Computer, Inc., FPPC No. 06-0130. Apple Computer, Inc. of Cupertino failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing contributions totaling \$10,000 in 2005 (1 count). \$400 fine.

Late Contribution – Streamlined Program

Failure to Timely File Late Contribution Reports – Proactive Program. Chief Investigator Sue Straine and Political Reform Consultant Mary Ann Kvasager. The following entities have entered into a stipulation for failure to file late contribution reports in 2004 in violation of Government Code Section 84203:

- In the Matter of Physicians for Compassionate Care of California, Inc., FPPC No. 06-0011. Physicians for Compassionate Care of California, Inc., of Arcadia failed to timely disclose late contributions totaling \$11,000 (2 counts). \$1,650 fine.
- In the Matter of On Broadway Event Center, FPPC No. 06-0064. On Broadway Event Center of San Diego failed to timely disclose late contributions totaling \$22,931.26 (2 counts). \$3,439.68 fine.

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